# Race into Autumn 2006

#### Northern VA Training Center, Therapeutic Recreation Department

Our first ever 5K race and 1 Mile walk/run went somewhat smoothly. We had a few issues with the course not being marked clearly, however, I think, overall, everyone had fun. Which is, of course, the most important

We couldn't have pulled this off without the help of some key people. Randy from You Start, I Finish was our timekeeper, with some help from volunteers Doug McCreight, Won Jun Kuk, Patrick Hart, and Andrew Smith and race coordinator Megan Mills. Our course was certified by Bob Thurston. Dedicated early morning volunteers, Waja Grimm, Laurie Cronin, Kim Anderson, and Doug McCreight and Race coordinator Barbara Burton manned the registration table. The refreshment table and water stations were manned and organized by volunteers Ed and Elaine Senft and ... as well as race coordinator Carl Schenk. Thanks to Margaret Graham for organizing the Sentries and Katie Egan for helping out everywhere. Thanks to Debra Tatum for running the first aid table and

Ray ... for traffic control (what little traffic there was). We would also like to thank several area businesses for their donations for this event: Target, Giant, Wal-Mart, Bed, Bath and Beyond, Burke Florist, Merrifield Garden Center, Garden World of Virginia, NVTC Parents and Associates, ... Knights of Columbus, and Blockbuster Video.

We hope that you all enjoyed yourselves and will come back next year for an even better race! Thanks again for











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or improvements to the business. Sales figures or earnings will show how your business is growing.

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Primary Business Address Your Address Line 2 Your Address Line 3 Your Address Line 4

Phone: 555-555-5555 Fax: 555-555-5555

E-mail: someone@example.com



Your business tag line here.



This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.



This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products

or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.